

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Kiemele et al.
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This Response is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on June 26, 2008 .
The restriction requirement requires Applicant to elect one of the following Groups under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1, 2, 8 and 9 drawn to a printer and method for controlling a printer including the conveying travel of the rest state transport of the printing medium between 0.5 mm and 30 mm.
- II. Claims 1, 3, 8 and 10 drawn to a printer and method for controlling a printer including during the rest state transport, the printing medium is initially conveyed from the initial position counter to the output transport direction and is then transported back into the initial position in the output transport direction
- III. Claims 1, 4, 8, and 11 drawn to a printer and method for controlling a printer including the printing medium being rolled up as a coiled strip.
- IV. Claims 1, 5, 8 and 12 drawn to a printer and method for controlling a printer including the printer being a thermal printer and the printing medium being thermal printing paper.
- V. Claims 1, 6, 8 and 13 drawn to a printer and method for controlling a printer including a print head, the printing medium being fed to the print head by a pressure roller by resting upon the pressure roller.

- VI. Claims 1, 7, 8 and 14 drawn to a printer and method for controlling a printer including that at the activation of printer caused by a print job, the rest state transport takes place before the print job is processed.
- VII. Claims 8 and 15 drawn to a method for controlling a printer including the rest state transport being carried out at periodically repeating intervals of between 10 and 40 hours.

Applicants elect, *without traverse*, Group II (claims 1, 3, 8 and 10). Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application, if necessary, to any non-elected claim subject matter.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 02-1818 for any fees which are due and owing, referencing Attorney Docket No. 119618-00049.

Respectfully submitted,
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